

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 and 10 are pending in the present application, with claim 1 being independent. Claims 1 and 4 are amended herein, and Claim 10 is newly presented. Support for new Claim 10 can be found in the original specification at least at page 9, line 24 through page 10, line 18 (paragraph [0030] of the substitute specification).

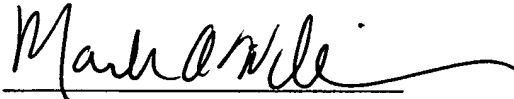
Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Claims 1-5 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for various informalities therein. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Nevertheless, Claims 1 and 4 have been amended herein, to even more clearly recite features of the subject invention. Support for these amendments can be found in the original specification at least at page 4, line 13 through page 5, line 4 (paragraphs [0010] and [0011] of the substitute specification). Applicant submits that Claims 1-5 and 10 as presently presented comply with all aspects of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the “single-crystalline film exhibits a liquid crystal phase having a uniform molecular alignment at a temperature above the crystal phase.” Applicant submits that the phrase “uniform molecular alignment” finds support in the original specification (e.g., at page 4, lines 13-18). The phrase “uniform molecular alignment” was used instead of the phrase “good regularity” proposed in the Office Action, because the former is more commonly used in the field of liquid crystals.

There being no outstanding prior art rejections, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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